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Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **APRIL 22, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañño
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
John A. Hammargren

Excused Absence

Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:03.m.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice-Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 15, 2009, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on three (3) news articles:

- “Files Detail Deaths Of 14 Children”, Los Angeles Times, April 21, 2009, regarding fourteen children who died last year of abuse and neglect in Los Angeles County despite living with families who were under the scrutiny of child welfare officials.
- “Shock, But No Basis For Surprise”, Los Angeles Times, April 22, 2009, regarding fourteen children who died last year as a result of abuse and neglect despite being under the watch of child welfare authorities.
- “Los Angeles County Records Detail Children’s Deaths”, Daily Breeze, April 22, 2009, regarding fourteen children who died of abuse and neglect in Los Angeles County last year, despite being part of families that had been under the scrutiny of child welfare officials.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,243.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

Chair Montaña reviewed the following Audit Reports with the Commission:

The Dangerfield Group Home I – 13, #1 and Dangerfield Group Home II – 12, #5, Audit reports dated April 8, 2009 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

The Lifecircles Group Home – 33, #5, Audit reports dated April 8, 2009 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM APRIL 15, 2009, TO APRIL 21, 2009

Rosemary Children’s Services – 52, #2 – Commissioners Bigby

The facility was visited on April 17, 2009, and no one was home.

Pomona South Branch Courthouse – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on April 20, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Need new printer and fax machine.

Pomona North Branch Courthouse – Commissioner Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on April 20, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Franklin CDS – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on April 21, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

San Gabriel Children's Center – Commissioner Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on April 21, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dubnoff Center (Valley) – 16, #3 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on April 21, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: More linen, towels and toiletries needed; low on non-perishable foods, snacks and beverages; kitchen needs new floor tile, counter top and painting; appliances need cleaning; needs to spray for flies and other insects; hole in garage door needs to be fixed; needs life books; bedrooms need new window blinds; bedroom #2 needs new dresser and window needs to be replaced; bathrooms need new floor, sink and facet.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. in memory of Mr. John Anderson, brother of Commissioner Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division